

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-11 and replace them with the following new claims:

1-11. (Canceled).

12. (New) A trash can assembly, comprising:  
a shell having a top end and a bottom end;  
a liner defining a container body having a bottom and an enclosing side wall, the liner fitted inside the shell;  
a lid fitted over the top end of the shell; and  
a support block provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell;  
wherein the liner is positioned in a first position with the support block located side-by-side with the side wall of the container body, and in a second raised position with the support block located below the bottom of the container body.

13. (New) The assembly of claim 12, wherein the enclosing side wall has an upper lip, and wherein the assembly further includes an annular wall provided at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove which exposes a portion of the upper lip.

14. (New) The assembly of claim 12, further including a base provided at the bottom end of the shell, with the support block positioned on the base, and with the bottom of the container body seated on the base when in the first position.

15. (New) The assembly of claim 14, wherein the base defines a skirt surrounding the bottom end of the shell.

16. (New) The assembly of claim 12, further including a foot pedal positioned adjacent the bottom end of the shell.

17. (New) The assembly of claim 16, further including a link assembly coupling the foot pedal and the lid.

18. (New) A method of replacing a trash bag that is supported by a liner in a trash can assembly, comprising:

- a. providing a trash can assembly having:
  - a shell having a top end and a bottom end;
  - a liner defining a container body having a bottom and an enclosing side wall, the liner fitted inside the shell;
  - a lid fitted over the top end of the shell; and
  - a support block provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell;
- b. fitting a trash bag inside the liner;
- c. positioning the liner inside the shell with the support block located side-by-side with the side wall of the container body;
- d. raising the liner with respect to the interior of the shell; and
- e. positioning the liner with the support block located below the bottom of the container body.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, further including:

- e. providing an annular wall at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove;
- f. gripping an upper lip of the container body via the groove to raise the liner; and
- g. supporting the liner on the support block in a raised position at an angle with respect to the shell when removing the trash bag.